

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Eric L. Paulson, M.D., a 47 year-old physician practicing internal medicine in Carroll, Iowa, was the subject of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Board. On January 11, 1996, Dr. Paulson's license was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years due to alcohol abuse. On July 15, 1999, Dr. Paulson was charged with consuming alcohol in violation of his probation. On August 26, 1999, Dr. Paulson's Iowa medical license was again placed on probation for a period of five (5) years due to alcohol abuse. On January 18, 2001, the Board charged Dr. Paulson with failure to comply with the Board ordered drug-screening program. At hearing on May 3, 2001, the Board found that Dr. Paulson violated his probation when on at least ten (10) occasions between July 27, and December 13, 2000, he failed to telephone the Board's drug screening program and on November 7, 2000, he failed to submit a urine drug screen as required. Dr. Paulson was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,500.00.